

THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. An insulation module for a vessel including:
a panel having an outer surface layer, and an insulation layer secured to the outer surface layer; and mounting means extending from the panel for enabling mounting of the insulation module on an outer wall of the vessel, wherein an air gap is provided between the insulation layer and the outer wall of the vessel when the insulation module is mounted relative thereto.
2. The insulation module of claim 1 wherein said insulation layer is a fibrous material treated to prevent escape of fibres.
3. The insulation module of claim 1 or 2 wherein said insulation layer is retained between the outer surface layer and a support mesh.
4. The insulation module of claim 3 wherein fastening means extend between the outer surface layer through the insulation layer to the supporting mesh.
5. The insulation module of claim 4 wherein said fastening means is at least one fixing screw.
6. The insulation module of claim 5 wherein a speed clip member is secured to a free end of said at least one fixing screw.
7. The insulation module of any one of the preceding claims wherein the insulation layer is adhered directly to the outer surface layer.
8. The insulation module of any one of the preceding claims wherein said mounting means includes a series of brackets secured to and extending from the outer surface layer towards the vessel wall when the insulation is in an installed position.